वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) और (ख) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के हाल के परिपत्रों के अनुसार, बैंकों से सूखे और बाढ़ से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में स्थगित देय राशियों के ब्याज को चक्रवृद्धि ब्याज में न बदलने और उन किसानों के मामलों में, जो 3 वर्ष या उससे अधिक समय से लगातार सूखे बाढ़ से पीड़ित हैं और जिनके ऋणों की परिवर्तित/पुनर्निर्धारित कर दिया गया है, 5000/- रुपए तक के अल्पावधिक ऋणों पर 10 प्रतिशत वार्षिक की दर से ब्याज लेने के लिए कहा गया है । ब्याज की यह दर, वर्ष 1987–88 में इनमें से प्रत्येक वर्ष के वास्ते परिवर्तित/पुनर्निर्धारित अल्पावधिक ऋणों पर लागू होगी और इनका वास्तवी अदायगी आगामी वर्षों में देय किश्तों के अन्दर निर्धारित किश्तों के अनुसार की जाएगी ।

import of Horses

2527. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that horses imported for breeding purpose are given special exemption in the matter of basic duty charges; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The statutory rate of basic customs duty leviable on imported horses is 100 per cent *ad valorem* (plus auxiliary duty of 45 per cent *ad valorem)*-A concessional rate of basic customs duty of 25 per cent *ad valorem* (plus auxiliary duty of 45 per cent ad *valorem)* is leviable on horses imported for purposes of breeding. The concession is in the interest of improving the breed of horses in the country

दिल्ली में ठेके के मजदूरों द्वारा खनन कार्य

2528. **श्री अजीत सिंह ,**

श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रशासित प्रदेश दिल्ली में अभी तक भी खनन कार्य ठेकेदारी श्रम प्रणाली के अन्तर्गत किया जाता है ,

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि गत वर्ष के दौरान सरकार को इन ठेकेदारों के यहां बंधुआ मजदूरों के द्वारा काम किए जाने की शिकायतें कई बार प्राप्त हुई हैं, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है और कितने बंधुआ मजदूरों को मुक्त कराया गया है तथा उनके पुनर्वास के लिए क्या व्यवस्था की गयी है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) संघ राज्य क्षेत्र दिल्ली में खनन कार्य दिल्ली राज्य खनिज विकास निगम के माध्यम से कराया जाता है जो सामान्यतः ठेका श्रम पद्धति को नहीं अपनाता है ।

(ख) जी, नहीं । न तो दिल्ली प्रशासन को और न ही दिल्ली राज्य खनिज विकास निगम को ऐसी कोई शिकायत प्राप्त हुई है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Export of Synthetic and Blended Fabrics

2529. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have forrajlated any long-term policy to boost exports of synthetic and blended fabrics: and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government have been formulating policies for boosting exports of textiles including blended and synthetic fabrics from time to time. The main steps taken in this regard are indicated in the statement attached. (See below).

Statement

The following steps have been taken to boost the export of textile goods including synthetic and blended fabrics:

(i) The Government permits import of 4 types of sophisticated textile machines at a concessional rate of import duty of 25 per cent provided the importer exports 5 times the value of machinery over and above the average exports of the exporter during the preceding 3 years. In addition to the existing scheme, the modified export obligation scheme permits imports with an export obligation for exporting 75 per cent of the production for 5 years. The importer is allowed to choose any one of the two obligations.

(ii) A textile modernisation fund of Rs. 750 crores has been created for facilitation of modernisation of Textile Industry.

(iii) The number of days of pre-shipment credit has been increased from 90 days to 180 days. The rate of interest has also been reduced by 2.5 per cent.

(iv) Many items of raw material/ fabrics are permitted to be imported under Duty Free REP Scheme and the Import-Export Pass Book Scheme.

(v) The scope of advance licensing and Pass Book Scheme has been widened and procedures simplified.

(vi) Under 100 per cent Oriented Units and Free Trade Zones Scheme, facilities for liberal import of capital goods and raw materials alongwith many other concessions are given.

(vii) Government has been giving liberal assistance for sponsoring and funding promotional activities such as market studies, buyer-seller-meets, participation in international fairs and exhibitions.

(viii) The agency commission has been increased and rules for blanket permission for foreign exchange have been substantially liberalised.

Reduction in Export Duty on Coffee.

2530. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce export duty on coffee and revise its minimum release price;

(b) whether it is a fact that the present system of fixation and revision of minimum release price is time consuming; and

(c) if so, .what steps Government propose to take to rectify the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) The revision of minimum release price involves considerable amount of field work and updating of cost-data, which is time consuming. However, minimum release price fixed in a year is taken I to determine reserve price for domestic auctions and actual prices fetched are generally higher than the reserve price and compensate the cost escalations for the next 2-3 years.